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SUBJECT: SUGAR HEARINGS: PRESENTATIONS FOR MEXICO, INDIA
AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: STATE 26559

1. LOBBYISTS REPRESENTING SUGAR SUPPLIERS IN ADDRESSEE
COUNTRIES APPEARED BEFORE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
MARCH 1. STATEMENTS COVERING POINTS SET OUT PARA 3 REFTEL
WERE MADE.

2. DENNIS O'ROURKE, ON BEHALF OF MEXICO, SAID MEXICO
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WISHES TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. MARKET AT ABOUT

THE PRESENT LEVEL, I.E. ABOUT 6 OF TOTAL U.S. REQUIREMENTS. HE NOTED THAT MEXICO HAS EXPORTED SUGAR ONLY TO THE U.S. SINCE 1968 AND HAS PLANNED EXPANSION OF INDUSTRY TO SUPPLY GROWING DOMESTIC MARKET AND U.S. QUOTA. NO BILATERAL ISSUES WERE RAISED DURING QUESTIONING OF O'ROURKE.

3. JAMES N. JULIANA ON BEHALF OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORTED EXTENSION OF THE ACT FOR 5 YEARS AND ASKED A QUOTA OF 860,000 SHORT TONS. HE STRESSED THE DEPENDENCE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON SUGAR EXPORTS AND FACT THAT ABOUT 10 OF THE ENTIRE DOMINICAN POPULATION DEPENDS DIRECTLY ON THE SUGAR INDUSTRY. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS TAKING STEPS TO COMMIT 35,000 TONS OF

ADDITIONAL SUGAR TO THE U.S. UNDER THE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED REQUEST OF JANUARY 11 (STATE 7003).DURING

QUESTIONING JULIANA SAID THAT GODR HAS ISSUED NEW DECREE REQUIRING THAT ALL SUGAR SALES, WHETHER BY CEA OR PRIVATE COMPANIES BE BY TENDER APPROVED BY A NEW SUGAR COMMISSION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF REP DE LA GARZA, HE SAID ALL PENDING EXPROPRIATION CLAIMS BY U.S. CITIZENS HAVE BEEN SETTLED. PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO BENITEZ-REXACH CASE, DE LA GARZA SAID HE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH JULIANA.

4. DAVID PALMETER ASKED THAT INDIAN QUOTA BE INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 200,000 SHORT TONS. HE SAID INDIA HAS BEEN RELIABLE SUPPLIER AND NEEDS FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM SUGAR EXPORTS TO PURCHASE PETROLEUM AND OTHER VITAL IMPORTS. CHAIRMAN POAGE QUESTIONED INDIAN DESIRE EXPORT FOODSTUFFS SUCH AS SUGAR WHICH IT NEEDS TO FEED ITS OWN POPULATION. HE ALSO ASKED WHY THE U.S. SHOULD REWARD INDIA WITH A LARGER QUOTA SINCE HE COULD THINK OF NO CASE IN WHICH GOI HAD COOPERATED WITH USG IN LAST 10 YEARS. PALMETER SAID HE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK ONLY FOR INDIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY AND NOT TO DEFEND GOI POLICIES.

5. COMMITTEE AGREED TO TAKE ALL QUOTA REQUESTS UNDER ADVISEMENT.
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6. TEXTS OF STATEMENTS WILL BE POUCHED. CASEY

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